

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of amplifying an envelope-defective retrovirus comprising:
(a) integrating a transgene encoding a virus envelope into the genome of a cell to produce an indicator cell;
(b) contacting an the indicator cell produced in step (a) comprising a virus envelope gene integrated into the genome of the indicator cell with an exogenous envelope-defective retrovirus, wherein virus envelope encoded by said gene complements said retrovirus.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus envelope is ~~carried~~ incorporated by a virus particle produced by said indicator cell.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus envelope is expressed by said indicator cell.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus envelope gene is vesicular stomatitis virus protein G (VSVG).
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the retrovirus comprises an immunodeficiency virus.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the retrovirus comprises human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein expression of the envelope gene is controlled by an inducible promoter.
8. (Withdrawn and Amended) A method of detecting envelope-defective retrovirus comprising:
 - (a) amplifying an envelope-defective retrovirus by the method of claim 1; and
 - (b) detecting presence of recombinant viral particles produced by the indicator cell.